

Is it Providence (or Provident) Life and Trust Company? - P127

Chuck Spaulding (#2355)

The 1979 edition of *The Catalog of United States Perfins* lists Providence Life and Trust Company as the user of perfin pattern P127. The cover illustrated as figure 1 on page 20 shows that in 1912 the company name used "Provident" and not "Providence" on this mailing from their offices at Fourth and Chestnut Streets in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Probably more importantly, the corner card lists the company's full name as "The Provident Life and Trust Company of Philadelphia." That full name is an indication that the Greensboro, North Carolina entry in the Appendix of the current catalog is probably in error. A photocopy of this cover has been forwarded to the US Catalog Editor for his evaluation. Anyone having a P127 perfin on cover with a variation of the company name should forward a copy to the US Catalog and *Bulletin* Editors to assist in preparation of the new catalog.

Answer to the Request for a P127 Cover

John Lyding (L116)

The previous article by Chuck Spaulding requests members with a P127 perfin on cover to provide a copy to help establish the correct user's name. Thanks to Joseph Laura (#1238) we have the cover shown as figure 2 on page 20. This October 26, 1911, mailing from "The Provident Life and Trust Company of Philadelphia" establishes the name "PROVIDENT" as being correct. In addition, this particular cover provides the names of the company's General Agents, Stockder & Gains. But, the return address and cds introduce a new company location, Hartford, Connecticut. It appears that in addition to correcting the user's name in the main body of *The Catalog of United States Perfins*, an additional location should be recorded in the supplementary section of the new catalog. A photocopy of the cover has been forwarded to the US Catalog Editor, John M. Randall.

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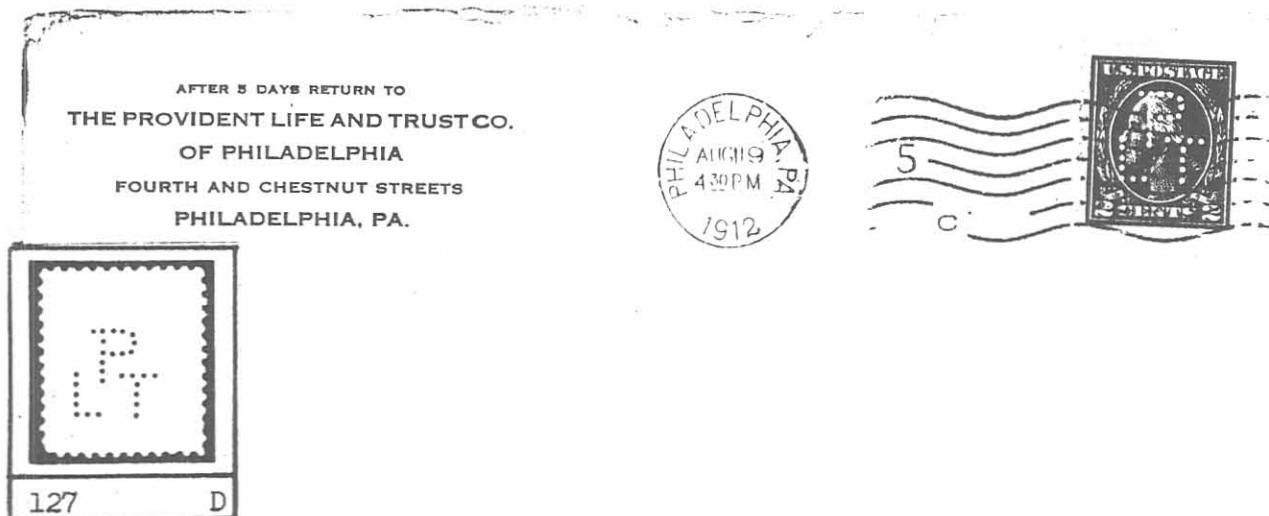


Figure 1 - Provident Life and Trust Company of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA usage.

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THE PROVIDENT LIFE AND TRUST CO.
OF PHILADELPHIA
(PA.)
If not delivered in 5 days, return to
STOCKDER & GAINES, GENERAL AGENTS
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
HARTFORD, CONN.



Figure 2 - Provident Life and Trust Company of Philadelphia, Hartford, CT usage.